

Montreal
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Dearest Anna,

I got letters from both you and Ruth to-day and was glad to learn that both mother + daughter were doing well. We continue to have very cold weather here and have quite good sleighing. I do not ~~remember~~ remember having experienced such cold weather at the end of March before. It is, however, bright + sunny. To-day I have remained at home to try and get a little rest as my head had been acting badly for two days. [The result is proving satisfactory and I expect to be all right to-morrow. This afternoon I succeeded in getting Forbes over the telephone. He says that he could ~~not~~ find nothing much wrong with Bernard, but that if the cough continues he should go back to him in a fortnight. He has given him a tonic and thinks he had better keep on taking the Cod-liver oil as well.] Bancroft says that B. gave him a Capital essay on Metis - with the personal element entirely eliminated; also that when he puts his mind to it he learns things by heart quite easily. His gifts, however,

are limited in so far as learning grammar is concerned. Con. continues to work at-
together too hard, but fortunately his exami-
nations will be over by the 14th of April.
He seems likely to get work with the C. P. R.
again. Mr. Alexander, Sir Lhos. Shaughnessy's
Secretary, telephoned up 4 days ago for Con
to go down and see him as once, and
I fancy he is there now.

Dr. Peterson told me yesterday that
the Carnegie pension business was likely
to pan out much better than he had
anticipated. Apparently anyone who
has served for 25 years can be superan-
nuated if he wishes it and if he had
been drawing a salary of \$3,000 would get
a retiring allowance of \$2300. Provision
will also be made for the widows of pro-
fessors. Dr. P. did not know whether
a man who had served longer than
twenty-five years (say 35 as in my case) would
get any more than one who had served
for 25 yrs; but said he intended to make
inquiry as to that and some other points.

Mr. Vaughan left for the south day
before yesterday and said that he might
call upon Ruth while in New York, as he

will be at the Manhattan Hotel
which is quite near.

It is dinner time, so I must close
with much love from various members
of the family now assembled in the
drawing-room, as well as from

Yours. B.

The enclosed "Insurance Notice" was
for some reason sent to me. Probably
Browning knew that your mother was
away and wanted to be sure of her
getting it.